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1969 through February 1970) with those of the preceding four months (July through
October 1969), an overall reduction of about 16% is noted. Specifically, CIA
volumes were down nearly 14%,
The seasonal trends in both 1968 and 1969, however, exhibit an average 6% overall
reduction during the same two four-month periods. Assuming that the seasonal trend
continued in 1970, the actual effect of the Under Secretaries Committee's directive
has been to achieve about a 10% overall reduction. The attached chart shows the
volumes in the past years and FY-1970 through March 1970.

When comparing network message volumes during the past four months (November

As an estimate of the future trends, since no significant change is planned during the program period in either the number of overseas field stations or the hours of communications coverage required, it is not anticipated that the overall message volumes will decrease. In addition, the centralization in Washington of operational and executive control functions will probably cause traffic volumes to surpass previous levels, over the longer term.

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